



# U.S. National Parks: The Grand Canyon to Zion

9 days | 11 days with Las Vegas extension

Discover the southwest corner of the U.S., defined by its proud Native American history and the sun-soaked sandstone of its iconic national parks. Marvel at the rock formations outside Sedona, step out onto the South Rim of the Grand Canyon, take in the kaleidoscopic colors at Zion National Park—it all must be seen to be believed.



## Your tour package includes

- 8 nights in handpicked hotels
- 8 breakfasts
- 3 dinners with beer or wine
- 6 sightseeing tours
- Expert Tour Director & local guides
- Private deluxe motor coach

## Included highlights

- Montezuma Castle National Monument
- Sedona
- The Grand Canyon
- Lake Powell
- Zion National Park
- Bryce Canyon National Park
- Valley of Fire State Park

## Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for at least 2 hours daily across mostly flat terrain, including paved trails and dirt paths, with some hills and high altitudes.

## Group size

15–35

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## Phoenix Region, Arizona → 1 night

### Day 1: Arrival in Phoenix Region

*Included meals: welcome dinner*

Welcome to Arizona! Meet your Tour Director and fellow travelers at a welcome dinner.

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## Grand Canyon, Arizona → 2 nights

### Day 2: Grand Canyon via Sedona

*Included meals: breakfast*

Start your exploration of the Southwest among the landscapes of Arizona.

- Stop at Montezuma Castle National Monument to view cliff dwellings of the Ancestral Puebloans, an ancient culture with ties to the Hopi and Yavapai tribes
- Make photo stops at the majestic rock formations surrounding Sedona, including Cathedral Rock, Bell Rock, and Courthouse Butte
- Visit Sedona, a city known for its festive art scene, and enjoy free time to shop, eat, and explore the many galleries
- Continue on to the South Rim of the Grand Canyon for your first glimpse at the legendary fissure and admire its colorful rock walls at sunset

### Day 3: Free day at the Grand Canyon

*Included meals: breakfast*

Enjoy a free day at the Grand Canyon or add an excursion.

+ Grand Canyon Helicopter Ride

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## Lake Powell, Arizona → 2 nights

### Day 4: Lake Powell via Cameron Trading Post & Tuba City

*Included meals: breakfast*

Continue on to the Lake Powell region, making stops along the way.

- Visit the Cameron Trading Post for a chance to browse the selection of Native American crafts
- Visit the Navajo Code Talkers Museum to learn about the World War II Code Talkers

Continue on to Lake Powell and enjoy a free evening or add an excursion.

+ Upper Antelope Canyon & Navajo Nation

### Day 5: Free day in the Lake Powell Region

*Included meals: breakfast, dinner*

Enjoy a free day in the Lake Powell region or add an excursion.

Tonight, sit down for an included dinner with your group.

+ Monument Valley Jeep Ride

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## Zion National Park, Utah → 2 nights

### Day 6: Bryce Canyon National Park

*Included meals: breakfast*

Make your way through scenic southwestern Utah to tour Bryce Canyon National Park by bus and on foot.

- Take in up-close views of the distinctive pink limestone and sandstone formations
- See the awe-inspiring arches, bridges, and pinnacles known as *hoodoos*

Then, continue on to your hotel near Zion National Park and enjoy a free evening.

### Day 7: Zion National Park

*Included meals: breakfast*

Take a tour of Zion National Park, which is located at the intersection of the Great Basin, the Colorado Plateaus, and the Mojave Desert.

- View the yellow- and orange-hued rocks during an open-air tram ride
  - Hear commentary on the surrounding landscape from a local guide
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## Las Vegas, Nevada → 1 night

### Day 8: Las Vegas via Valley of Fire State Park

*Included meals: breakfast, farewell dinner*

Stop in Valley of Fire State Park, Nevada's first state park, before continuing on to Las Vegas to celebrate your trip at a farewell dinner.

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## Flight Home

### Day 9: Departure

*Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)*

Transfer to the airport for your flight home or extend your stay in Las Vegas.

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## + Las Vegas extension

Continue your trip to try your luck in Las Vegas, and enjoy a sightseeing tour of Sin City to soak in the excitement that this gaming hub is known for.

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## Las Vegas → 2 nights

### Day 9: Sightseeing tour of Las Vegas

*Included meals: breakfast*

This morning, join your Tour Director for a guided tour of the legendary Las Vegas Strip.

- Pass by replicas of the Statue of Liberty and Eiffel Tower and view the gold MGM lion statue
- Admire the Venetian and the Bellagio, two of Las Vegas' most iconic casinos and hotels
- View the Luxor Sphinx before continuing to the old section of Las Vegas for a short walking tour on Fremont Street, a famous gaming street

Enjoy a free afternoon in Las Vegas or add an excursion.

+ Hoover Dam & Lake Mead

### Day 10: Free day in Las Vegas

*Included meals: breakfast*

Spend a free day in Las Vegas.

This evening, enjoy a farewell drink as you celebrate your trip with your fellow group members.

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## Flight Home

### Day 11: Departure

*Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)*

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

# Customize your experience

Customize your tour by adding excursion options. Excursions offered on the same day will occur at different times, so there's no need to choose. Save \$10 when you book your excursion up to three days before your tour departs.\* Excursions requiring advance reservation only list this discounted price. Call or go online to customize your tour: [goaheadtours.ca/SWN](http://goaheadtours.ca/SWN) | 1-800-754-5066

## Day 3: Grand Canyon Helicopter Ride

\$279CAD/\$289CAD\* (30 minutes, departs in the morning)

Enjoy a bird's-eye view of the Grand Canyon aboard a thrilling half-hour-long helicopter ride. Soar over the massive canyon, taking in a unique perspective of the striated terrain far below. From high above the canyon rim, you can begin to fully appreciate the immense scale of this natural wonder. Please note: This excursion is weather-dependent.

and irrigate nearby communities, which in turn created Lake Mead. It was distinguished as the largest dam in the world after its completion in 1935, and today, has earned a designation as a National Historic Landmark. On this excursion, you'll join a local guide and learn more about the dam's fascinating construction and history. Explore the Hoover Powerplant, which produces a massive amount of hydroelectric power, and then stroll through passageways within the dam itself. End your visit in the visitor center before making your way back to Las Vegas. Please note: On this excursion, you will walk for over a mile on concrete and similar hard surfaces.

## Day 4: Upper Antelope Canyon & Navajo Nation

\$139CAD (2 hours, departs in the afternoon)

Journey by truck through the Native American territory known as Navajo Nation, a historic area that covers over 27,000 square miles, as you make your way to Upper Antelope Canyon. This breathtaking slot canyon is nicknamed "Corkscrew Canyon" and has been created by the forces of wind and water over thousands of years. It's considered one of the most stunning natural structures in the American Southwest, and you'll learn more about the sandstone formation and its spiritual importance to the Native Americans in the area on a tour with a local Navajo guide. Please note: This excursion is weather-dependent and will not run in the event of rain, due to the danger of flash floods. Tripods, monopods, selfie sticks, and backpacks are not allowed in the canyon. Depending on group size, travelers may be required to travel in separate trucks. Bottled water and comfortable shoes are recommended. Travelers must be able to walk 3/4 of a mile through sand/foot bridges when entering and exiting Antelope Canyon. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 20 days prior to departure.

## Day 5: Monument Valley Jeep Ride

\$175CAD/\$185CAD\* (9 hours, departs in the morning, lunch included)

Stop for lunch at the Goulding's Trading Post, one of Monument Valley's iconic, western-style buildings that was used to shoot the film "Stagecoach," starring John Wayne. Enjoy free time to explore the Gouldings Trading Post Museum and learn more about Hollywood's connection to the area. Then, climb aboard a jeep to zip through the valley's stunning red-sand scenery and pass towering sandstone buttes. Make photo stops along the way to capture iconic monuments like the Mittens, Elephant Butte, and the Three Sisters. Please note: This excursion requires a two- to three-hour bus transfer in each direction.

## Extension excursion options

### Day 9: Hoover Dam & Lake Mead

\$75CAD/\$85CAD\* (4 hours, departs in the afternoon)

Depart from Las Vegas and make your way to the Hoover Dam, an iconic American landmark that separates the states of Nevada and Arizona. This engineering marvel was built during the Great Depression as a means to hold back the Colorado River

\*Optional excursions may be purchased up to three days prior to departure or while on tour. Pre-purchased optional excursions cannot be canceled within three days prior to departure or while on tour. Select optional excursions require advance booking and cannot be purchased or canceled after the advanced reservation deadline. GAT accepts payment by cash, Visa or MasterCard for optional excursions purchased on tour. Additional fees may apply for optional excursions purchased on tour. Excursions require a minimum number of participants to operate. Details and prices are subject to change. Due to seasonal hours of operation and availability, some excursions may not operate. If this occurs, you will be refunded any payments made for that excursion post-tour. Learn more at [goaheadtours.ca/terms](http://goaheadtours.ca/terms)